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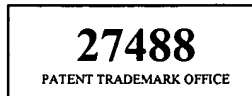
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Group Art Unit: 2131
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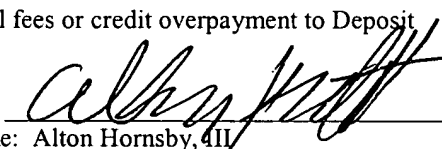
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies have been provided only for the foreign patent documents or "Other documents" listed on the enclosed Form 1449 that have not previously been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/859,915 filed on May 17, 2001.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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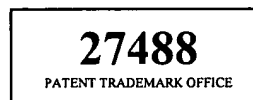
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4,658,093	Apr. 14, 1987	Hellman	380	25	Apr. 14, 1987
	5,671,412	Sept. 23, 1997	Christiano, <i>et al.</i>	395	615	Jul. 28, 1995
	5,790,664	Aug. 4, 1998	Coley, <i>et al.</i>	380	4	Feb. 26, 1996
	5,892,900	Apr. 6, 1999	Ginter, <i>et al.</i>	395	186	Aug. 30, 1996
	5,940,504	Aug. 17, 1999	Griswold	380	4	Jun. 29, 1992
	5,968,175	Oct. 19, 1999	Morishita, <i>et al.</i>	713	200	Jun. 23, 1997
	6,044,471	Mar. 28, 2000	Colvin	713	202	Jun. 4, 1998
	6,085,324	Jul. 4, 2000	Ogram, <i>et al.</i>	713	202	May 14, 1997
	6,240,401	May 29, 2001	Oren, <i>et al.</i>	705	40	Jun. 5, 1998
	6,244,758	Jun. 12, 2001	Solymar, <i>et al.</i>	395	200.54	Mar. 24, 1997
	6,449,645	Sept. 10, 2002	Nash	709	224	Mar. 2, 1999

FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)

	GLOBETROTTER Software, Inc., "FLEXIm End User Manual", Chapters 1 - 7 (1996).	
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